Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 13-24 are pending in the application, with 13 and 19 being the independent claims. Claims 1-12 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

As indicated above, this application is a divisional of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/852,093, filed May 10, 2001. In an Office Action dated April 11, 2002, the Examiner issued a restriction requirement in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/852,093 to allege that claims 1-12 are drawn to a method for measuring catalytic activity of a test aliquot; claims 13-18 are drawn to for use with a separation medium; and claims 19-24 are drawn to a computer program. On May 10, 2002, Applicants elected claims 1-12 for examination.
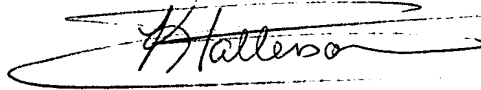
In this Amendment, Applicants cancel claims 1-12 to prosecute the non-elected claims (i.e., claims 13-24) from U.S. Patent Application No. 09/852,093. Although claims 13-18 are directed to a system and claims 19-24 are directed to a computer program product, there are several elements, limitations, and/or features which can be found in both sets of claims. As such, it would not impose a serious burden on the Examiner to examine all of the pending claims. See MPEP § 803. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that claims 13-24 be examined together in this Application.

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Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

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